6. Shri K. Jayakumar,
Special Secretary (Tourism),
Government of Kerala
7. Shri Ghulam Naqshband,
Indian Association of Tour Operators,
Sita World Travels India Pvt. Ltd.
8. Shri Tej Sahni,
President,
Travel Agents Association of India,
Vista Travels, Bombay
9. Shri Subhash Goel,
Indian Association of Tour Operators,
Stick Travels, New Delhi
10. Shri Krishan Mahajan,
Indian Association of Tour Operators,
Ambassador Travels, Bombay
11. Shri V.S. Ramanchandran,
Addl. P.S. to Minister of Civil Aviation
& Tourism

Gradation of Hotels and Restaurants in India

475. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many hotels and restaurants in India have been given ratings ranging from one-star to five stars and even higher; if so, what are guidelines for the award of these ratings;

(b) what is the number of hotels holding different categories of stars and what are the names of hotels holding 3-star and above status;

(c) what are the facilities/services which each category of starred hotels is supposed to offer;

(d) when was the last rating carried out and whether any hotels were up- graded or down-graded as a result thereof; if so, the names thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose a revision of the above guidelines and to broad-base the rating procedures to ensure that the starred hotels actually provide those services which they are supposed to provide?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Under a voluntary scheme for Classification of hotels, star category ratings are given after an inspection by the Hotel & Restaurants Approval & Classification Committee. Approval to Restaurants is also given after inspection by the Committee. Guidelines for Classification and the number of hotels classified in different categories and the names of hotels classified in 3-Star and above categories is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 9.] .

(d) and (e) Classification/ Declassification is a continuous process and the inspection of hotels is carried out on continual basis by the Central Committee and the Regional Committees. With a view to ensure that star hotels actually provide the services which they are supposed to, reclassification in a particular star category, up-gradation and down-gradation is done on the basis of these inspections.

Arrival of Foreign Tourists in the Country

476. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is a major source of foreign exchange earnings for India; if so, what is the amount of foreign exchange earned by the Indian Tourism Industry during 1991, 1992 and 1993 and projections for the 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999;

(b) what are the top 20 countries from where maximum tourists come to India and what was the number of tourists from each such country during 1991- 92 and 1992-93; and

(c) what are the details of measures being taken by Government to attract more foreign tourists, particularly from the countries which have hitherto untapped potential to send tourists to India?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The estimated foreign exchange earnings form tourism during the last three years were as given below:—

Year	Rs. Crores
1991	2918
1992	3916
1993	4251